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FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: BARZANI PROBLEM

1. BARZANI NOW WANTS TO GO TO EUROPE WITHIN THE WEEK, SPEND TWO MONTHS THERE, AND RETURN TO THE U.S. AFTER THE U.S. ELECTIONS. HE CLAIMS HE WILL NOT GO, HOWEVER, UNLESS WE PUT A RE-ENTRY VISA IN HIS PASSPORT (AND THOSE OF HIS EN-TOURAGE) IN EFFECT GUARANTEEING THAT HE CAN RETURN TO THE U.S.

2. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY TURNED DOWN HIS REQUEST THAT WE FACILITATE VISITS TO THE U.S. BY SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN EUROPE, EXPLAINING THAT THIS WOULD IN EFFECT BE ENCOURAGING HIM TO CONDUCT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES FROM AMERICAN SOIL.

3. IT IS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT BARZANI WANTS TO GET BACK IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIS KURDISH NETWORK IN EUROPE AND RETURN HERE LATER TO SEE WHETHER THE ELECTIONS HAD AFFECTED MATTERS IN A WAY THAT WOULD PRODUCE U.S. SUPPORT FOR HIS

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CAUSE. IN THE END, HE WILL PROBABLY TRY TO STAY IN THE U.

FOR GOOD. WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT HIS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE IS ABOUT TO TAKE OUT A FIVE YEAR LEASE ON A HOUSE IN VIRGINIA.

4. WE ARE INCLINED TO GIVE HIM A RE-ENTRY VISA AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPS OVER NEXT TWO MONTHS. REFUSING TO DO SO COULD PRECIPITATE A PRESS CAMPAIGN AND POSSIBLY AN ASYLUM REQUEST THAT WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO TURN DOWN. ISSUE WOULD BE WHETHER HE COULD RETURN IN SAFETY TO HIS HOMELAND OF IRAQ, NOT WHETHER HE COULD RETURN SAFELY TO COUNTRY OF REFUGE (IRAN). WE HOPE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES APPRECIATE THIS DISTINCTION.

5. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD SEEK VIEWS OF APPROPRIATE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ON BARZANI'S REQUEST, AND EXPLAIN WE ARE INCLINED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH RE-ENTRY PERMISSION ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED DECISION. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER. ROBINSON

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